



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Volker ALBRECHT et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 15, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following: